

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Halliburton (William H. Burton) S9121

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 20th day of August personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wake State of North Carolina now sitting William H. Burton age resident of Wake County & State of North Carolina aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to entitle himself to the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated (to wit) that on the 12th of June in 1778, he volunteered for nine months in a company in Caswell County North Carolina under one Captain Robert Moore raised as he understood under an act of the Assembly of the State of North Carolina which exempted such persons as might then volunteer from serving for 3 years after which that the Company marched to Peytonsborg, Pittsylvania County Virginia on their way to the North to Join the Regular Army when they received orders to returned back to North Carolina -- that the Company returned to Caswell County & that this declarant took a furlough until March when his 9 months would expire upon condition however that if called upon after March he was to serve for 9 months more but that under a proclamation made in the latter part of the fall of the same year which permitted such persons as had previously volunteered in the 9 months service under the act of the Assembly to serve 9 months for which they were bound to the conditions of their furlough from the 5th of November -- so that after having served until August 1779 they would be equally entitled to the expiration of the act of Assembly as if they had served until March in the first enlistment he again mustered under the same Captain Moore that the company rendezvoused at Hillsborough whence they marched under Colonel Lytle or Colonel Dixon through Salisbury North Carolina & through Charlotte North Carolina & thence to Camden South Carolina thence to the 10 mile house from Charleston & from there to Purrysburg where General Lincoln commanded whilst the British were at Savannah that he was marched under General Lincoln up the Savannah River as far as Golphins Mills not far from Augusta that Augusta he went back with a company which was detailed under Colonel Armstrong to meet the British Army which had returned to invade Charleston that on his way he was taken sick on the Salkehatchee [River]

& there remained for 6 weeks that after his recovery he joined his company at the Stone River [sic, Stono River] & marched with it to Bull's Hill near Beaufort that at this place his term of service expired & he received his discharge from Major Armstrong.

In September 1780 this declarant joined a militia Company under Captain Falker [Faulkner?] as a substitute for his brother who was drafted for 3 months. That he marched from Caswell Court-house North Carolina where his enlistment took place to Hillsboro North Carolina where he marched under General Butler of the Militia to General Davidson's at the New Providence Creek in Plowsham [?] at which time the British had possession of Camden General Gates having been defeated in the August before with his company and he returned to North Carolina with prisoners taken by Colonel Washington near Camden & lodged them in Salisbury Jail at which time his term of service expired & he received his discharge.

That in February 1781 he again volunteered in a horse company of the militia under Captain George Moore & Colonel William Moore raised in Caswell County for 4 weeks -- that General Greene gave commission to Colonel Moore to raise a horse company with an agreement that such as volunteered for that time and would find their own Horses should be entitled to the same pay as if they had served for 3 months. That he reconnoitered in this company which was raised for the protection of the private property of individuals around & about in the counties of Orange & Caswell & was present at Captain Piles¹ defeat on the Albemarle in Orange County.

That he has not his original discharge or commission that he was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia that he has a record of his age but that it is in Tennessee in the possession of his Brother David. That he was living in Person then Caswell at the time he joined the service in all the above tours.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Wm H. Burton²

[fn p. 33: On August 19, 1833 in wake County North Carolina Thomas Furman, a clergyman, Robert Fleming Esquire and John Hill Esquire, all residents of Wake County gave the standard supporting affidavit in support of the application of William Halliburton.]

North Carolina Person County

Robert Jones, a resident of the County and State aforesaid having personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, & having been duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, state -- that he is the half Brother of William Haliburton, alias William H. Burton, now resident in the County of Wake & State aforesaid, who is an applicant for a pension for services in the War of the Revolution; -- that he remembers that his said brother was a member of the Family of this applicant's Father in the time of the revolutionary war -- and that he left home, in time of the war, several times, and was absent for several months together and that it was understood & believed, both in the Family of his said Father, & in the neighborhood -- that he is Brother was during the aforesaid times of absence from home, in the service of the United States: that this affiant was a youth in the time of the Revolutionary War -- but that he recollects distinctly the facts above stated. Subscribed & sworn to before me.

¹ This may be a reference to Doctor and Col. John Pyle, who commanded a unit of Tories, at an action called Pyle's Defeat February 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>

² Although there is no indication the document was signed by the veteran making his mark, I do not believe the signature shown on this document is the veteran's signature because the handwriting is identical to the balance of the application.

S/ Robt. Jones



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North Carolina Person County

Hampton White,³ a resident of the County & State aforesaid -- having personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the peace for said County -- and having been duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, state -- that he served a tour of 9 months in the War of the Revolution, with William Haliburton -- alias William H. Burton, of the County of Wake and State aforesaid, who is an applicant for a pension for services in the United States Army in the revolution; that he marched with said Burton from Caswell North Carolina to Peytonsburg Virginia thence to Moon's Creek in Caswell aforesaid, where they were furloughed: that they were ordered to meet again at Hillsborough and see in the fall of 1778, it being in September of that year that they were furloughed as aforesaid; and from Hillsboro, were marched to Salisbury N.C. thence to Charlotte N.C. thence to Camden SC thence to Moncks Corner; thence to the 10 mile House, & thence to the Savannah River. This Affiant recollects that Captain Robert Moore was the Captain of said Burton's Company, when they left Hillsboro and see -- and that Colonel Dixon was a Field Officer. --

Sworn to & subscribed this the 19th day of March 1833. --

S/ Irby Smith, JP

S/ Hampton White, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Person County

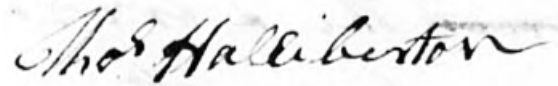
Thomas Haliburton having appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, and after having been duly sworn according to law, states, on his oath, that his Brother William Haliburton, alias William H. Burton, now resident in the County of Wake & State aforesaid & an applicant to the General Government for a pension for services in the War of the revolution -- entered the service of the United States, in the County of Caswell North Carolina in the summer of the year 1778, for a term of nine months, under Captain Robert Moore: -- that his said brother was marched to Peytonsburg, Virginia -- thence back to North Carolina on Moon's Creek in Caswell aforesaid & was under arms from June until September of said year, & was then furloughed: that in November of said year, his brother was required to reentered the service in the Town of Hillsboro, & was thence marched to the South & was absent from home until late in the ensuing summer, & was believed & reputed to have been, during said time, in the Army of the United States; -- that in the Fall of the year 1780, his said brother became a substitute for his brother David Haliburton, in the militia of North Carolina for a term of 3 months for which the said David had been drafted as a private, in the County of Caswell aforesaid & was marched to the South & was absent until near the 25th of December of same year -- & was reputed & believed to have been in the United States service during the time of his absence -- that Captain Faulker, alias Falquest, John Womack Lieutenant; Cotance Winstead [sic, Constance Winstead?], Ensign, were the company officers, who commanded his said Brother in the above tour of 3 months, or were in command when they marched to the South: -- & that in the following year, viz. February 1781, his said brother entered the service again, in the mounted Infantry of North Carolina in Caswell aforesaid under the command of Colonel William Moore & Captain George

³ [Hampton White S38467](#)

Moore & was in the service some weeks, with this affiant & in the Counties of Caswell, Orange & Guilford North Carolina. This affiant states that he is about 2 1/2 years younger than his said Brother William; & that he hath a distinct recollection of the facts above stated. Subscribed & sworn to this the 19th day of March A.D. 1833

Sworn & Subscribed before me
S/ Alex Cunningham, JP

S/ Thos Halliburton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos Halliburton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.90 per year, commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months and 28 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]